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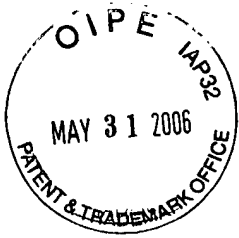
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
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above-identified patent application, but required
restriction of the application, please amend the above-
identified patent application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the
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